

# **SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 744

**PRINTER'S NO.** 774

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 26, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Alloway

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 26, 2013  
Reported as committed, April 9, 2013  
First consideration, April 9, 2013  
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Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 17, 2013  
Re-reported as committed, April 29, 2013

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 744 amends The County Code (Act 130 of 1955) to allow counties to maintain the configuration of its row offices when a county advances from a fifth class county to a fourth class county as the result of census figures.

The legislation amends section 1302 of The County Code, which applies to county row offices such as Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Register of Wills, and Recorder of Deeds. Under existing law, counties advancing from the fifth to fourth class as a result of census figures are required to maintain the configuration of row offices in effect only until the year in which the offices are next up for election.

Senate Bill 744 provides that a county may maintain the configuration in effect as long as the county deems appropriate. At such time as a county decides that reconfiguration of the offices in accordance with the rules for a fourth class county is appropriate, the county shall wait until the year in which the offices are next up for election to effect that change.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Senate Bill 744 will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth or local funds.